

Claim 6, line 20, replace " first" with --second--.

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2. ~~X~~ (AMENDED) The method of Claim ~~6~~<sup>1</sup>, wherein the second data terminal is the first data terminal.

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3. ~~N~~ (AMENDED) The method of Claim ~~6~~<sup>1</sup>, wherein the subject is an inanimate subject.

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14. (NEW) A secure identification method, the method comprising the steps of:  
capturing a graphical representation of a subject at a first data terminal;  
transferring the graphical representation of the subject to a centralized computer located remotely from the first data terminal;  
receiving the graphical representation of the subject at the centralized computer, and storing information representative of the subject in a relational database disposed at the location of the centralized computer;  
associating the graphical representation with an at least one computer activation datum;  
receiving a request at a second data terminal requiring authentication, the request including one of the computer activation datum, the second data terminal being located remotely from the centralized computer; and  
downloading, from the centralized computer, information representative of the previously stored graphical representation of the subject.

#### REMARKS

Upon entry of the present invention, Claims 1-13 remain pending in the application. Moreover, Claims 1, 6, 7, and 11 have been amended. Furthermore, Claim 14 has been added.

The above-identified Office Action has been reviewed and the comments of the Examiner carefully considered. In view thereof, the present amendment is submitted. It is contended that by the present amendment all bases of rejection set forth in the Office